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*Box Patent Application*

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No.: To be assigned; Filed: Herewith  
For: **Method, System and Computer Program Product for the Delivery of a Chat Message in a 3D Multi-User Environment**  
Inventors: Harvey *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1874.0060000

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method, System and Computer Program Product for the Delivery of a Chat Message in a 3D Multi-User Environment**

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
  - i. 44 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 17 pages of claims (87 claims, 10 independent)
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 22 sheet(s) of drawings: (Figure(s) 1-14, 15A, 15B and 16-21); and
- c. A facsimile copy of an original executed Declaration;
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6. A facsimile copy of an original executed Assignment to There, recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
7. A facsimile copy of an original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
8. A Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) from Assignee with a copy of the Assignment attached;
9. A facsimile copy of an original executed Statement Claiming Small Entity Status--Small Business Concern;
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Respectfully submitted,

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2.  Specification [Total Pages 62]  
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  - Descriptive title of the Invention
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9.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
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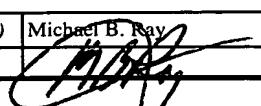
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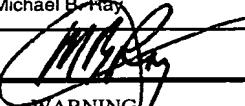
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